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TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

As a Member of the P.E.N. All-India Centre you are entitled to know that the Executive committee, at its meeting held on 22 July 1975, passed the following resolution:

"Be it resolved

that this meeting of the Executive Committee of the P.E.N. All-India Centre re-affirms with conviction the fourth clause of the P.E.N. Charter, signed by every Member upon joining, and hence by the late Dr. Radhakrishnan and the late Pandit Nehru among numerous distinguished men of letters, and reading as follows:

'4. The P.E.N. stands for the principle of unhampered transmission of thought within each nation and between all nations, and members pledge themselves to oppose any form of suppression of freedom of expression in the country and community to which they belong. The P.E.N. declares for a free press and opposes arbitrary censorship in time of peace. It believes that the necessary advance of the world towards a more highly organized political and economic order renders a free criticism of administration and institutions imperative. And since freedom implies voluntary restraint, members pledge themselves to oppose such evils of a free press as mendacious publication, deliberate falsehood and distortion of facts for political and personal ends.'

Hence, that it feels bound in conscience to deplore the conditions imposed upon publishing in this country under the President's ordinance declaring an emergency, and in especial the imposition of pre-censorship on all material to be published;

and that it appeals to the President of India to revoke these constraints upon free expression.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of India and to the Prime Minister."

the history of India and of Europe. Only occasionally does Chaudhuri yield to the temptation of overwriting. He has summarized a mass of facts and arguments with great skill, and written about them with appropriate lucidity. The biographer remains throughout in a mood of respectful admiration. *Scholar Extraordinary* is a coherent and colourful tapestry: a grateful literary garland from India.

(Courtesy: AIR, Bangalore)

Pandit's Konkani Poetry in English translation:

1) VOICES OF PEACE	Rs. 15	US\$ 3.00	£ 1.5
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3) THE MOON... THE MOON	Rs. 8	US\$ 2.00	£ 1
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6) DANCE, PEACOCK, DANCE!	Rs. 15	US\$ 3.00	£ 1.5

The six above listed books of poems by R. V. PANDIT (translated from the original konkani by THOMAS GAY) which earned him tributes from Three Continents can be had from the author:

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